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Auditor-Controller

SUBJECT: CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE FEE AUDITS -

BOARD AGENDA ITEM #9 – AUGUST 3, 2004

On August 3, 2004, your Board instructed the Auditor-Controller, in conjunction with the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA), to report back within 60 days on establishing regular audits of cable television franchise fee collections and the use of the Cable Television Franchise Fund (CTFF) to pay for the cost of the audits. In addition, the Board requested that we include a discussion on audit cycles for cable companies and ways contracts can be strengthened to ensure that cable television companies comply with contract requirements.

We are currently working to complete our review and expect to issue our report to your Board by November 4, 2004. If you have any questions, please contact me or have your staff call Ian Clark at (626) 293-1104.

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